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In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

A transmission control protocol (TCP) is used for data communications, yet in order to

5 provide security against denial of service attacks and the like, a connection negotiation phase is
required before the TCP handshake. Without a successful connection negotiation, a TCP
handshake is unable to complete thereby preventing connection.